

Southland Park Residents Association Inc.

Minutes for September 19th 2023

In attendance: Michelle Friesen, Don Blasko, Adriana Suver, Tanya Vincent, Jason Friesen, Serhii Zautkin

Guest: Jason Wallace

Agenda approved by Don and seconded by Tanya.

Previous meeting's minutes and AGM minutes approved by Don and seconded by Michelle.

New Member Introductions and Appointment of Officers

Members were introduced and the following positions were selected:

Michelle – President

Don – Vice-President

Adriana – Secretary

Jason Friesen – Treasurer

Serhii – Member-at-large

SPRA thanks Tanya Vincent for her involvement in the organization over several years. At this point, Tanya stepped down from SPRA Executive.

AGM and BBQ Report

SPRA received many positive comments about the BBQ. There was good community participation. The variety of activities allowed everyone to enjoy something at the BBQ. The provincial grant of \$5000 covered the costs of running the event; SPRA is left to pay \$0.67.

Finance Update

Michelle provided the financial update. We are still waiting for a return of a grant and a deposit.

Councillor Wyatt and Playground Equipment Update

Councillor Wyatt reached out to SPRA and invited representatives to meet with him. Michelle will confirm a time and date and will be joined by at least 2 other SPRA members to attend this meeting.

CN / Canada Transportation Update

Discussions regarding this matter are ongoing. Linda Batement, a resident, has offered to join the group representing our community.

Precinct J Update

There are no news at this time.

Boulevard Planters and Front Entrance Signage

Don will continue maintenance of the front signage garden.

Residents adjacent to planters will look after the fall clean-up and planting in the spring.

Residents have voiced a desire for additional planters for the neighbourhood.

Welcome Package Update

The Welcome Package will be updated following elections, if needed.

Don has delivered 3 Welcome Packages to new residents since the last meeting.

New Business

- Serhii suggested a community library or bulletin board. This has previously been discussed by the Executive but was not completed. A suggestion was made to have this included in the redesign of the playground.
- Directors & Officers liability insurance will be re-evaluated as it comes up for renewal.
- Adriana suggested painting sidewalks with fun activities for children in the spring.
- Michelle suggested front entrance boulevard enhancement, perhaps adding soil and reseeding, or considering clover.

- Adriana suggested adding a column to the spreadsheet that lists community members to add information about expiry dates for residents association fees.
 - Michelle has contacted the City to inspect and dead trees in the park.
 - A newsletter committee composed of Michelle and Adriana was created.
 - To add to SPRA inventory: sound meter – stored at Don's.
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Next Meeting will be on November 14th at 7:30 pm at Adriana's house.